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SUB: NEWSPAPER REPORT OF NEW SOVIET POLICY TOWARDS

EEC TO BE PROMULGATED AT FORTHCOMING WESTERN EUROPEAN

CP CONFERENCE

1. ANTWERP FLEMISH LANGUAGE DAILY GAZET VAN
ANTWERPEN PUBLISHED ARTICLE JANUARY 5 HEADLINED "COMMUNISTS
OF ALL COUNTRIES, SABOTAGE THE EC" SPECULATING THAT SOVIET
UNION IS ABOUT TO REVERSE POLICY OF RAPPROCHEMENT TOWARDS
EEC. ARTICLE WRITTEN BY LOCALLY BASED INDEPENDENT BRITISH
JOURNALIST, GERARD SEGAL, WHO HAS EXPERIENCE IN SOVIET
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND WHO BASES HIS THESIS ON HIS
INTERPRETATION OF RECENT ARTICLE IN PRAVDA.

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2. SEGAL WRITES THAT INDICATIONS ARE THAT SOVIETS WILL

ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE NEW EEC POLICY AT MEETING OF 18 LEADERS OF WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26-28 IN BRUSSELS. PURPOSE OF MEETING, ACCORDING TO SEGAL, IS TO COORDINATE ORIENTATION AND STRATEGY OF WEST EUROPEAN CPS IN LIGHT OF PRESENT EVOLUTION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. SOVIETS, MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT EMERGENCE OF REGIONAL COMMUNIST POWER NUCLEI WHICH ARE TAKING INDEPENDENT POSITIONS TOWARDS ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO SOVIET UNION, WILL ATTEMPT TO REESTABLISH FIRM CONTROL AT BRUSSELS MEETING.

3. FOUNDATION FOR SEGAL'S THESIS IS ARTICLE BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN "V. PETROV" WHICH APPEARED IN DECEMBER 21 PRAVDA ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF FOREIGN POLICY OF COMMUNIST PARTY". SEGAL SAYS PETROV ARTICLE OUTLINED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD, TRENDS IN SOVIET POLICY, AND SHARPLY REMINDS CPS IN WESTERN EUROPE THAT THEIR ALLEGIANCE IS SOLELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT: "AGGRESSIVE IMPERIALIST MILITARY BLOCS AND TRADE UNIONS ARE LED AGAINST WORLD SOCIALISM (THE COMMUNIST BLOC), AGAINST PROLETARIAN AND DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." PETROV THEN DEFINES THOSE "AGGRESSIVE" BLOCS: "NATO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY" WHICH ARE FORMED BY "THE CAPITALIST MONOPOLIES OF THE WEST".

4. SEGAL INTERPRETS PETROV ARTICLE TO MEAN THAT RECENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS RECOGNITION OF EEC, AS ADVOCATED BY ITALIAN CP, IS IN ERROR: "ON BEHALF OF MOSCOW, PETROV CALLS ON THE WESTERN CPS TO SABOTAGE THE EC BECAUSE IT IS IMPERIALISTIC."

5. COMMENT: SEGAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAS FILED SIMILAR ARTICLE WITH SEVERAL MAJOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLIES AND STORY SHOULD APPEAR ELSEWHERE SOON. SEGAL ARTICLE FAILS TO RECOGNIZE (OR MAKE CLEAR) THAT SOVIET DOCTRINE SEPARATES RAPPROCHEMENT AND RECOGNITION FROM APPROVAL, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE. HENCE SOVIETS, AT BRUSSELS CONFERENCE, MAY WELL URGE CONTINUING OR STIFFER WESTERN COMMUNIST OPPOSITION TO EUROPEAN UNIFICATION UNDER EEC AUSPICES, WITHOUT FORECLOSING SOVIET GOVERNMENT OPTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CONTINUING TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COMECON AND EEC. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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